



Huddle up to your Family Hub

How one nursery school is working with their local Family Hub to meet the needs of their families.

What is a Family Hub?

Family Hubs are a one-stop shop for parents, carers, and Early Years settings, offering support, resources, and expert advice all in one place. Whether you need help with home learning, midwifery services, speech and language support, or mental health advice, Family Hubs connect families to the services they need most.

How Can Family Hubs Help Early Years Settings?

One nursery school has seen huge benefits from working closely with their local Family Hub. By teaming up, they introduced the EPEC (Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities) programme, which helps parents build the confidence and skills they need to support their child's early learning.

To make it easier for families to engage, the school:

- ✓ Hosted sessions on-site so parents didn't have to travel far
- ✓ Provided a free creche, allowing parents to fully focus on the sessions
- ✓ Invited feeder schools, strengthening connections within the wider school community
- ✓ Created a welcoming, supportive environment where parents felt comfortable learning

The impact was clear—parents left feeling more confident, better informed, and more connected to their child's learning. By embedding this programme within their existing school support system, they've helped remove some of the barriers that often prevent families from engaging in early education initiatives.





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Why Should Schools & Nurseries Connect With Their Family Hub?

Partnering with a Family Hub can have lasting benefits for children, families, and Early Years providers. Schools and nurseries that engage with their local hub can:

- ✓ Access expert-led resources to support children's learning and development
- ✓ Break down barriers for families who might not usually engage in early learning support
- ✓ Strengthen community connections between parents, schools, and support services
- ✓ Improve school readiness by ensuring children have the foundations they need before starting school

Family Hubs act as a bridge between early education and wider support services, ensuring that families feel informed, empowered, and connected.

What our parents said....

“It was great to be able to talk to other parents and realise that I am not alone”

“Every parent needs this programme, I was reluctant at first, but I picked up so many tips to help with his learning at home”.

How Can Schools & Early Years Settings Get Involved?

If your setting hasn't yet partnered with a Family Hub, now is the perfect time to start. By signing up, sharing information, and working together, schools and nurseries can play a key role in ensuring that families get the best possible start in their child's early education journey.

**Together, we can create stronger, more supported communities
where every child has the chance to thrive.**

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